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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents  
Washington DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In the Specification:

Page 1, please cancel lines 7 and 8 and insert therefore the following: ~~This patent~~  
application is a divisional of Application Serial No. 09/240,473 filed February 1, 1999, which  
was a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/866,650 filed May 30, 1997 issued August  
17, 1999 as Patent No. 5,939,321, which claimed benefit of Provisional Application No.  
60/018,684 filed May 30, 1996.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-8 as originally filed in Application Serial No. 08/866,650 and  
add new Claim 9:

9. A method for accelerating a developmental or homeostatic process in a target  
tissue of an animal, the method comprising the step of:  
administering into a suitable host cell a polynucleotide that encodes a polypeptide  
having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:3 and SEQ  
ID NO:5 so that the host cell produces the polypeptide; and  
delivering the host cell to the target tissue of the animal in an amount effective to  
accelerate a developmental or homeostatic process.